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Naruo language

Naruo 纳若 (Naluo 纳罗, Laluo; also Alu, Gan Yi) is a Loloish language cluster spoken by the Yi people of Yunnan, China.

Naruo	
Native to	China
Ethnicity	Yi
Native speakers	15,000 (2007)[1]
Language family	Sino-Tibetan ▪ (Tibeto-Burman) ▪ Lolo–Burmese ▪ Loloish ▪ Lisoish ▪ Taloid ▪ **Naruo**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`ylo`
Glottolog	`nalu1239 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/nalu1239)`[2]

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Classification

Naluo is classified by *Ethnologue* as a Northern Loloish language, but Yang, et al. (2017)[3] classifies *Naruo* as a Taloid language.

Demographics

According to David Bradley (2004),[4] Naluo (Naruo, Laluo, Naru, Shuitian 水田, Shui Yi 水彝 (used in Yunnan)) is spoken by about 15,000 people mostly in eastern Yongsheng County and southern Huaping County, Yunnan, as well as in Pingjiang 平江 and Futian 福田镇 townships, western Panzhihua City, Sichuan. Naluo is moribund or extinct in Sichuan, and endangered in Yunnan.

Varieties

You (2013:85)[5] reports that the *na21 zu21*[6] (Naruo 纳儒) language is spoken by the following Yi subgroups.

- **Zhili 支里** (autonym: **Naruo 纳儒**): Nanhua Township, District 1, Yongsheng County 永胜县一区南华乡
- **Luo 倮族** (autonym: **Naruo 纳儒**): Zhongcheng Township, District 4, Yongsheng County 永胜县四区忠诚乡
- **Zi Yi 子彝** (autonym: **Naruo 纳儒**): Xilang Township, District 3, Yongsheng County 永胜县三区习朗乡

On the other hand, the *Yongsheng County Almanac* (1989:637) lists the following subgroups within Shuitian 水田.

- **Shuitian 水田** (autonym: **Naru 纳儒**)

- **Shui Yi 水彝** subgroup (autonym: **Naruo 纳若**)
- **Luoluo 倮倮** subgroup (autonym: **Xiqima 洗期麻**; also called **Li 倮/黎**)

Other varieties are:[7]

- **Naru 纳儒** of southern and central Yongsheng County (pop. 7,000) and southern Huaping County (pop. 4,500)
- **Naruo 纳若** (Zhili) of Yongsheng County and Huaping County, spoken by about 12,000 people. It may be the same as Xiaoliangshan Nosu.

Lopi (Shuitian 水田)[8] is an essentially extinct language, although there are more than 15,000 people belonging to the ethnic group in Panzhihua, Sichuan (in Futian 福田 and Pingjiang 平江 Townships) and in northern Yunnan.

Yang, et al. (2017)[3] lists **Popei 泼佩** and **Naruo 纳若** as Shuitian 水田 varieties, and classifies them as part of the Taloid cluster of Central Ngwi languages.

Zhili 支里 (autonym: **Naruo 那若**) is spoken by more than 300 persons in Xinying Village 新营村, Nanhua Township 南华乡, Beisheng District 北胜区[9]; and in Xianrenhe Village 仙人河村, Dachang Township 大厂乡[10] (*Yongsheng County Almanac* 1989:637).

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